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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Reply To  
Attn of: ECL-115

Steve Clark  
Bureau of Reclamation  
P.O. Box 620  
Grand Coulee, WA 99133

Dear Mr. Clark:

I appreciate the opportunity to have spoken with you regarding the Petition submitted by The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). The Petition requests that EPA conduct a preliminary assessment ("PA") of the hazards to public health and the environment associated with the release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant on lands which include the Colville Reservation and the Upper Columbia River Basin from the Canadian Border, southward through Lake Roosevelt, to the Grand Coulee Dam, encompassing the water, river- and lake-beds, and banks. A copy of the Petition is included as Enclosure 1.

As I mentioned during our conversation, EPA will be conducting multiple PAs in response to the Petition. The sites to be assessed are listed on Enclosure 2. These sites have been added to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) database. CERCLIS is a database used by EPA to track site-specific activities conducted under its Superfund Program.

EPA intends to keep your office and all other interested parties informed of its activities, as appropriate. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 553-0323.

Sincerely,

*Monica Tonel*

Monica Tonel  
Site Assessment Manager

Enclosures

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